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Executive Summary

The purposes of the SIS Test Tracking modules are:

- To track students test scores which may be shown on transcripts (as per legislative mandate)
- To enable parent access to test scores (as per legislative mandate)
- To show individual student test scores to counselors in order to help them better counsel students
- To provide collective test information to curriculum specialists to help them develop better curriculums.

SIS test tracking, web-based modules for tracking student tests, are fully integrated into the current SIS web site. The modules, integrated into SIS web, that are needed to track student testing are:

- Master Test Maintenance
- Test Instance Maintenance
- Test Score Maintenance
- Parent/Student Test Score Viewing

Master Test Maintenance is used to declare information pertaining to tests that are given in each district throughout the state. The grade level of the test, the test type, the normal time this test is given are included in this information, as well as the sub-test linked to each test found in the master test tables.

Test Instance Maintenance tracks specific test information such as test date, test language, grade level, and school.

Test Score Maintenance allows input of scores for each student, which can then be viewed in the Parent/Student Test Score pages.

The ASP pages found in the test history tracking modules use VB script, HTML, DHTML, and JavaScript for front end processing and Microsoft SQL Server tables and stored procedures for database processing on the back end. Test code and sub-test code tables, used in the test tracking modules, have been pre-loaded with \mathbf{SIF}^1 codes compliant with Version 1.0, Revision 1 of the \mathbf{SIF} industry standard published by the \mathbf{SIIA}^2 .

Security is integrated into the current SIS security with specific user security needed to gain access to Master Test Maintenance, while Test Instance Maintenance and Test Score Viewing are included within the Admin and Parent/Student access respectively.

CRT "CR-7" Test data is imported from the test definition module using the new "CRT-7 Alternate Layout" import file to be included on research disks from the end of the Year 2002.

Integration into SIS 2000+ on the Web

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The testing modules have been integrated into SIS 2000+ on the Web as of version 3.0.0. Security, supporting lookup tables, student information etc. used in the web modules are the same tables used throughout SIS in other places. All that is needed to enable test history on the Web is to set up security, set preferences, and convert previous data (from the old SIS 2000+(FoxPro driven data) as needed.

Preferences that need to be set in the preference table are as follows:

Application: TESTING
Preference Name: Testrights
Preference Value: AFPS*

*Note: Specifies which of the "portals" has access to TESTING.app

(A=Administrator/Counselor; F=Faculty; P=Parent; S=Student)

Security

Security is handled by what SIS 2000+ on the Web allows. **Figure 1** shows a person, logged into administrator options, who has rights to Edit Master Tests. The district shown also has the "test rights" set as shown above.

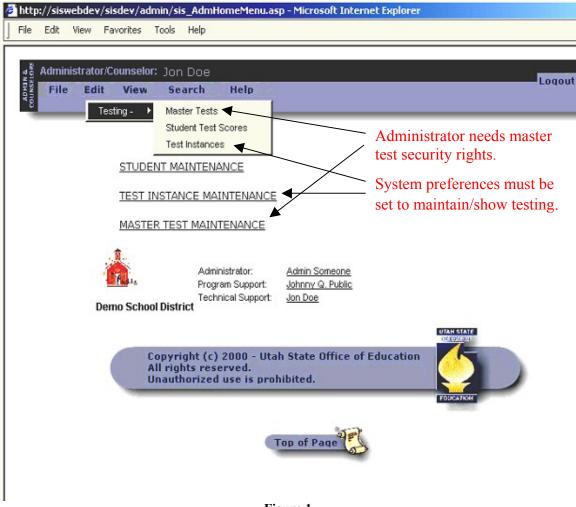


Figure 1

In order for an individual to have test master maintenance capability, the individual must have their shell permissions set to include "webtestm" rights in the usrshell and snshell tables. Having these rights set will also generate buttons in FoxPro SIS Test History to go to the appropriate web pages.

Master Test Setup/Maintenance

Before test instances can be defined, and before student tests can be entered, master test records must be configured. **Figure 2** shows the sample screen of a couple of master test records. These test records can be edited by clicking on the "Test Id" link for each test. If there are no subtests for a master test, the master test can be deleted by clicking on the "Del" button on the right-hand side of the web page.

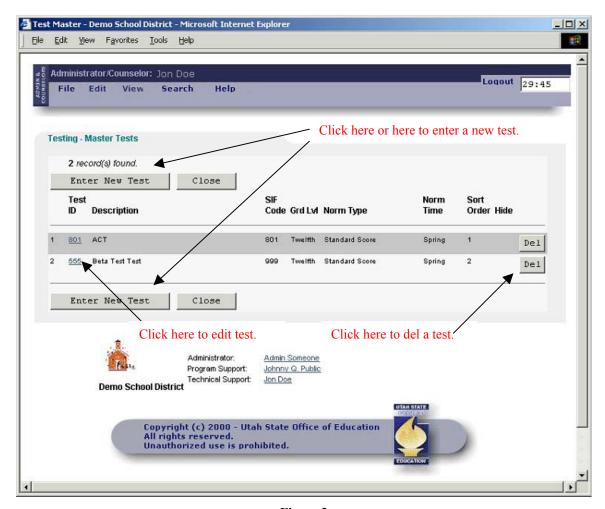


Figure 2

The subtests for a master test can easily be viewed by holding down the either mouse button when the mouse cursor is over a test description as shown in **Figure 3**. When the mouse button is let up, the view returns to the summary level as previously seen in **Figure 2** unless the mouse cursor has been moved from the description area. Subtests for more than one test can be viewed at the same time by moving the mouse out of the description area and then into another description area.

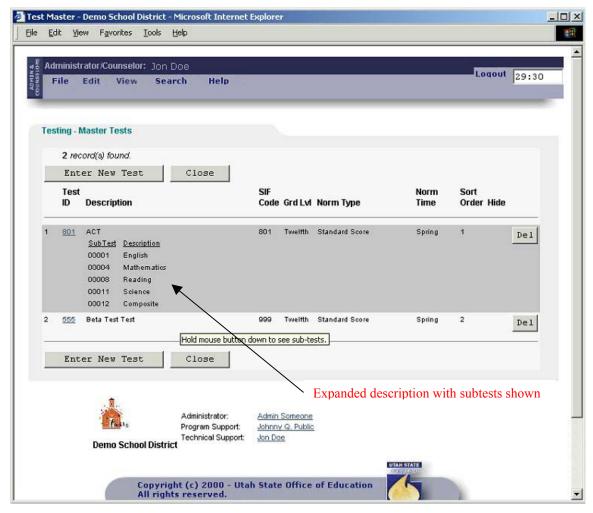


Figure 3

Both "Enter New Test" buttons allow entry of new tests. The Master Test Add page is presented when either "Enter New Test" button is pressed. This page asks for the following information:

- Test Id a unique, user enterable, master test identification number. If a previously used number is entered, the test record assigned to that number is presented.
- SIF Code Standard code that must be picked from the list that is presented.
- Description Description of the master test. This field is filled with the SIF description each time a new SIF code is chosen but can also be edited.
- Grade Grade level for which the test is intended currently pre-kindergarten through posttwelfth grade levels.
- Norm Type normal type of the test, current choices are:
 - ✓ Standard score
 - ✓ Percentile
 - ✓ Grade equivalent
 - ✓ Stanine
 - ✓ Normal curve equivalent
 - ✓ Raw score.

- Norm Time normal time of the year the school year the test is given.
- Sort Order sort order for list choices on other web pages.
- Hide remove this test from list choices on other web pages.
- Transcript flag to show transcript possibilities for this test (see **Figure 4**). Current choices:
 - ✓ Do Not Allow on Transcript
 - ✓ Allow on Transcript (default of off, but can be toggled on)
 - ✓ Default on Transcript (default of on, but can be toggled off)
 - ✓ Mandatory on Transcript

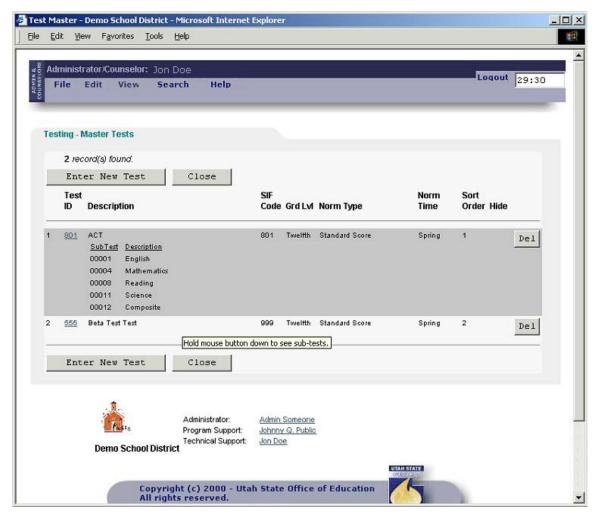


Figure 4

Once the top level information for the test being entered, is correct the save button is then pressed. The next page to come up is actually the same page – only in edit mode. The page allows user entry of subtest codes for master tests that have no corresponding subtest SIF codes, such as tests with a SIF code of "9UT" or with a SIF code of "999". The page allows for up to five subtests to be entered at a time – after each five subtests, the save button must be pressed (See **Figure 5**). Sub tests with a score type of "Standard Score" require a max score to be entered for data validation at the student level. Subtest code and description are

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also required before the Add check box is activated. The save button not only adds new sub tests, but also saves any changes made to the entire master test.

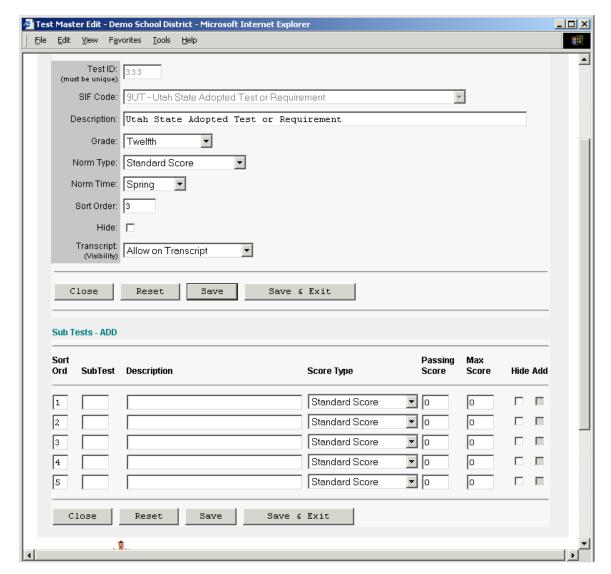


Figure 5

The web page automatically generates subtest records for tests with corresponding subtest SIF codes (see **Figure 6** to see the automatically generated subtest portion of the web page). Subtest categories not used are then deleted by checking the Delete checkbox for each subtest to be deleted, and then by pressing the save button. Once again, the max score field is required for all score types of standard score. The max score should be changed from the default of 1, or only 1 or 0 will be allowed for each student subtest score. Deleted subtest records can be added back, up to five at a time, by filling in the SIF code information in the add section at the bottom of the page.

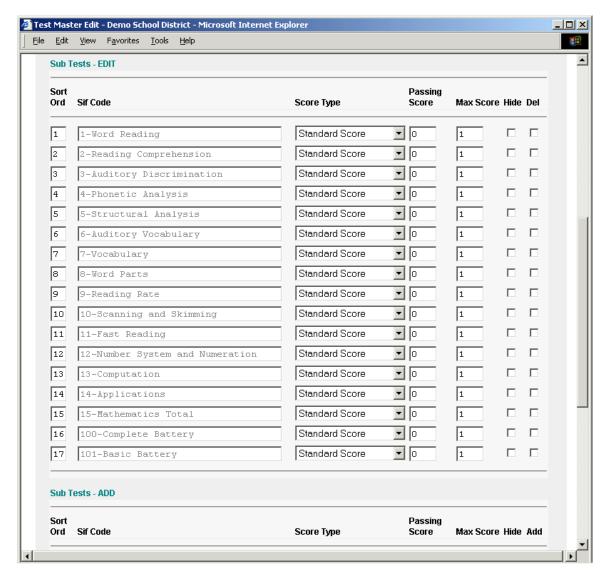


Figure 6

Remember, master test record maintenance should be tightly controlled, an only be accessed by a select few individuals who have responsibility over which tests are ever given.

Test Instance Setup/Maintenance

Figure 7 shows a fictitious page listing of tests instances. Test instance ids provide a link to the test instances edit page. The "New Test Defs" buttons link to new test instance entry page. One record needs to be entered for each test given. These test instances are used to validate tests chosen in the student test score entry page.

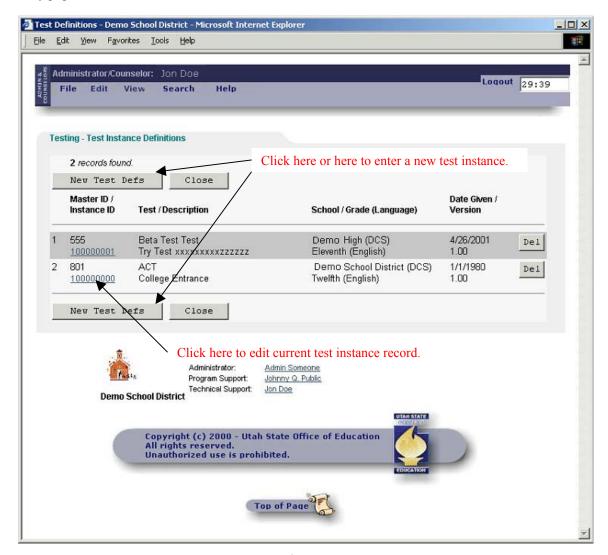


Figure 7

Information tracked in the test definition pages include the following (see Figure 8):

- Test Definition ID unique code generated by the system.
- Test Code from list of master tests, previously defined.
- Test Description description or purpose of test.
- Date Given date the test was administered.
- Language language the test was given in.
- Test Method method of administering the test.

- School school where or for which the test was given.
- Grade Level grade level of the test.
- Version optional version information to identify which version of the test was administered.

The "Save" or "Save and Exit" buttons save the test definition. Test instances can be created/edited by anyone with administrative security rights.

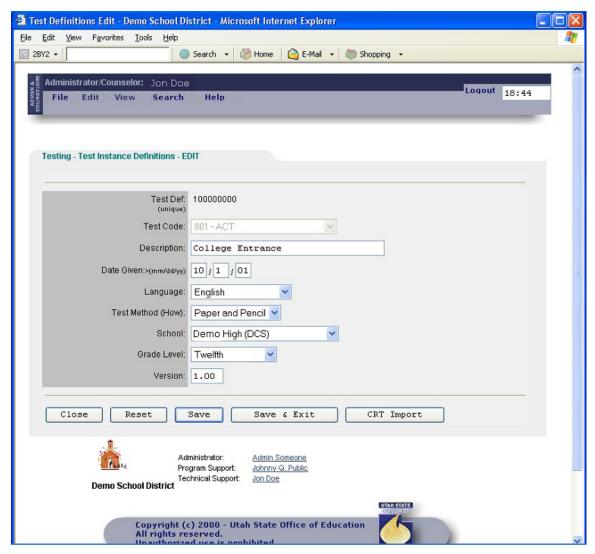


Figure 8

Test Scores Setup/Maintenance

Test score maintenance is integrated into the student information page as shown in Figure 9.

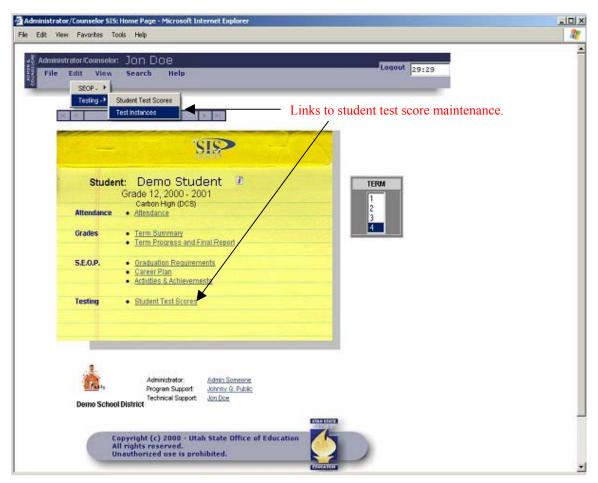


Figure 9

Figure 10 shows the list of tests a student has taken (in reverse date order). Test scores are edited by clicking on the test id link. Clicking on either "Enter New Test" button creates tests and tests scores.

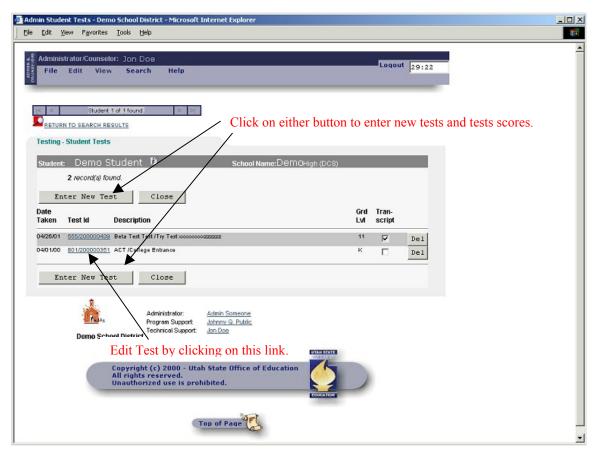


Figure 10

Student tests are entered in two parts. First, the test taken is selected with the date taken and grade of the student set (see **Figure 11**). The grade the student was in, when the test was taken, changes automatically when a test is selected with a date between the entry and exit dates a student was enrolled (and tracked in SIS). Otherwise, the grade the student was in is defaulted to the grade level of the test (which can be changed by the person entering the student test information). Optionally, the "Show on Transcript" check box is checked or unchecked if this check box is available.



Figure 11

When the student test information fields are correct, the student test history record is saved by clicking on the save button. Student score records are then created for each subtest linked to the corresponding master test record (see Figure 12).

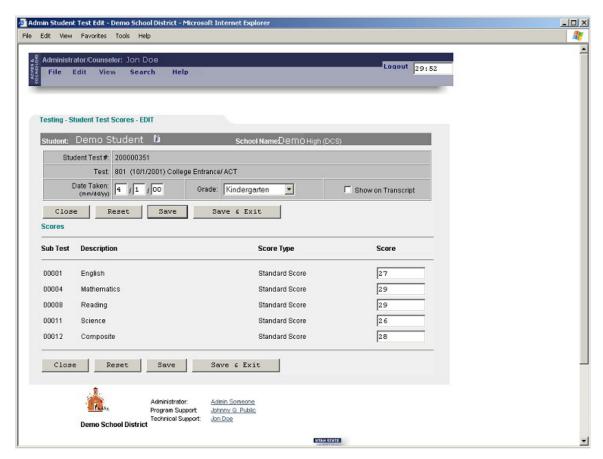


Figure 12

Score records are edited by entering the score and pressing the enter key in a spreadsheet columnar fashion. Records of score type "Standard Score" are verified against the maximum score found in the corresponding master sub test record.

Parent/Student Test Score Viewing

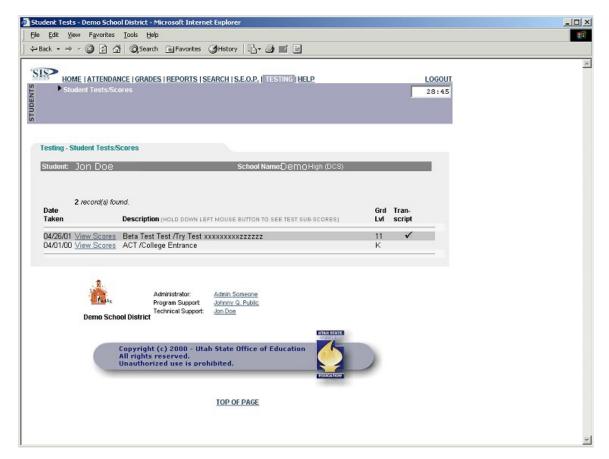


Figure 13

The parent and student test score pages are very similar to the administrative student test score pages see **Figure 13**).

Both, the administrative and the parent/student pages, show the student test scores by holding down either mouse button when the mouse cursor is over the test description (see **Figure 14**).

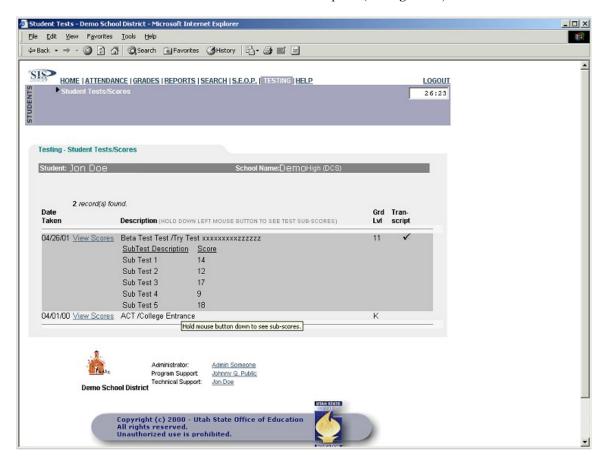


Figure 14

Individual test scores can also be viewed via a popup window by clicking on the view scores link for each test (see **Figure 15**) in the parent/student test view page.

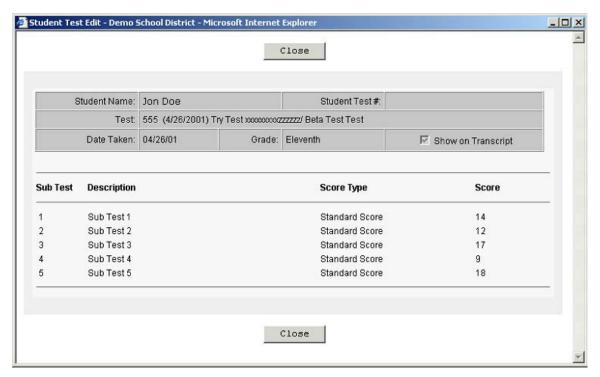


Figure 15

Database Setup

Proper data values must be verified and maintained in the following validation tables in order to keep the test history data clean:

- ZGRADE
- ZLANG
- ZNORMTIM
- ZNORMTYP
- ZTESTHOW

Two new fully populated tables must be added to the database for SIF code compliance as follows:

- ZSIFTEST
- ZSIFSUBT

The following four test history tables will no longer be needed once data has been converted:

- STUTESTS
- STUSCORS
- TESTDEF
- ZTEST

The above four tables will be replaced by these five tables:

- STUTESTS1
- STUSCORS1
- TESTDEF1
- ZTEST1
- ZSUBTEST1

Conversion

Data conversion should be done as follows:

- 1. Copy in the ZSIFTEST and ZSIFSUBT tables.
- 2. Run the sql scripts in this order:
 - 1) NewTestConversionKeys.sql
 Adds keys if they don't exist to test related tables.
 - 2) NewTestConversionTables.sql Creates and keys the new test tables.
 - 3) NewTestConversionData.sql
 Adds data to the new test tables.
- 3. Copy the following stored procedures into the database:
 - siSp stutests1AddModify
 - siSp stutests1ModifyTranscript
 - siSp stutscors1AddModify
 - siSp_testdef1AddModify
 - siSp zsubtest1AddModify
 - siSp_ztest1AddModify

Data Import

CRT-7 test data can currently be imported via a web module linked to the "Test Definition Edit" page. The following must be in place in order for CRT imports to work:

- A separate database must be setup in SQL Server, with the proper tables, to hold the imported CRT test information. This database links back to SIS, but is separate because the CRT data is static and therefore does not need to be backed up regularly. (This CRT data is the same data used to populate the CRT Cognos Cubes.)
- The CRTImport.DLL must be registered on the Web Server
- A line must be added to the Web Application Global as file as follows:
 - Application("test_database") = "SISTestdatadb" were SISTestdatadb is the name of the new CRT Cognos SQLServer Database.